

2016 Centennial Hike Series

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Shenandoah National Park



The Centennial Hike Series is here! We're bringing back some favorite Ranger-led hikes from past years and adding some new ones. In addition to our regularly scheduled Ranger programs, here's what's happening:

Twilight Hike to Stony Man – Friday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Skyland founder "George Pollock" on this evening living history walk to the summit of Stony Man. *Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hours, 1.6-mile hike*

Evening Meadow Walk – Friday, July 29 at 7:30 (*part of Night Sky Festival*)

Investigate the meadow as day turns into night. *Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1 hour, less than 1-mile walk*

Chimney Rock Hike – Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Discover Shenandoah's Wilderness on this hike with great views and compelling geology. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. *Riprap parking area (mile 90), 3.5 hours, moderate 3.4-mile hike*

Compton Peak Hike – Friday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Join a Ranger on a hike along the Appalachian Trail to Compton Peak. Enjoy interesting geology and an outstanding view of the Shenandoah valley. *Compton Gap (mile 10.4), 3 hours, moderate 2.4-mile hike*

Legends of the Limberlost – Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Join a Ranger for a morning stroll to explore the Limberlost Trail, a favorite Park trail. Explore stories of the past and present on this trail that has dramatically changed over time. *Meet at Limberlost Trailhead (mile 43), 1.5 hours, 1.2 miles*

Twilight Hike to Stony Man – Friday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Skyland founder “George Pollock” on this evening living history walk to the summit of Stony Man. *Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hours, 1.6-mile hike*

Hike to the Highest Peak – Friday, August 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Explore a high-elevation forest on the way to the summit of Shenandoah’s tallest mountain, Hawksbill. *Meet at Upper Hawksbill parking area (mile 46.7), 2 hours, moderate 2.1-mile hike*

Highest Point at Big Meadows – Saturday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Take a short walk along the Appalachian Trail to the spectacular view from the Blackrock viewpoint. *Meet at Big Meadows Amphitheater, 1 hour, easy*

Hike Through History - Sunday, August 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Travel back in time to learn about some of the Park’s human history and visit the ruins of an Episcopal mission. *Pocosin Trailhead (mile 59.5), 2 hours, moderate 1.9-mile hike*

Little Stony Man Cliffs – Friday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Explore a sheer cliff face and breathtaking views of the Shenandoah Valley during this scenic hike that rises in elevation 270 feet. *Meet at Stony Man Mountain Overlook (mile 38.6), 1.5 hours, 1.5 miles*

Discovery Walk on the Story of the Forest Trail – Saturday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Slow down, look up, under and around – explore the forest with a Ranger and see what you can discover! This family-friendly hike is good for all ages. *Meet in front of Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1.5 hours, 1.8-mile easy hike*

Rose River Wilderness Hike - Saturday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. (*part of Wilderness Weekend*)

Explore the benefits of designated Wilderness on this hike through a part of Shenandoah’s Wilderness. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. *Fishers Gap Overlook (mile 49.3), 4 hours, moderate, 4-mile hike*

Night Hike to Hawksbill Summit – Friday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Join Rangers to watch the sunset and moonrise from Hawksbill, the highest peak in the Park. *Meet at Upper Hawksbill parking area (mile 46.7), 2-3 hours, moderate 2.1-mile hike. Limited to 50 people. To register, call Byrd Visitor Center at (540) 999-3500 x3283 starting Monday, September 12.*

CCC Stroll – Saturday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the Civilian Conservation Corps legacy on this short walk to the previous site of a CCC camp. *Meet at Byrd Visitor Center, less than 1-mile walk, 45 minutes*